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Applicant : Frederick Allan Hall  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2002, Applicant submits the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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